

I-285 Westside Express Lanes

A Major Mobility Project — P.I. Number: 0013917

Fact Sheet

What is the Project?

To improve connectivity and increase trip time reliability on I-285, Georgia DOT plans to add two new, barrier-separated express lanes in each direction adjacent to the existing general purpose lanes on an approximately 10-mile section of I-285 between Benjamin E. Mays Drive in Fulton County and Mt. Wilkinson Parkway in Cobb County.

5 Things You Need to Know

1. The express lanes will add new, optional lane miles to I-285, reducing congestion and creating more consistent travel speeds.
2. Motorists will use a Peach Pass, or interoperable toll transponder, to access the express lanes with market-based pricing that reflects traffic congestion in real-time.
3. Transit providers and state-registered vanpools will be able to use the express lanes. Riders will only need to pay their standard transit fee.
4. Will connect with the proposed express lanes on I-285 and expand the Georgia Express Lanes network.
5. A private sector partner or partners will design, construct, finance, operate, and maintain the proposed express lanes in exchange for future toll revenues.

What's the Project Status?

In June 2021, Georgia DOT expanded the scope of the project to two optional, barrier separated express lanes in each direction. The project team is currently conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the project, with the design of the typical section for the new lanes under consideration. A Community Conversations series is tentatively planned for Q1 2025 and a public information open house (PIOH) series for Q2 2025.

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Where is the Project?

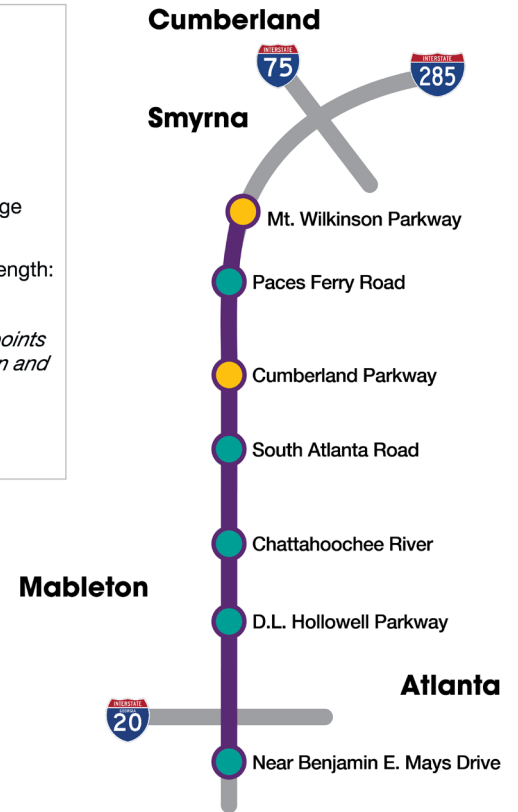
LEGEND:

- Project
- Half Express Lane Interchange
- Express Lane Merge

Project Approximate Length: 10 miles

Express Lane access points are under consideration and subject to change.

Map is not to scale.



What's Next?



Environmental Process
2024 - 2027



Public Comment
2025



Draft Environmental Document
2026



Environmental Document Approval
2027

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